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### GAVE DAMAGING TESTIMONY.

William Brown Changes His Front in the Exeter Police Court.

The continued case of William Brown of Portsmouth and George Davis of Exeter for the alleged larceny of cattle from Frank B. Brown of Hampton was heard in the Exeter police court on Thursday before Judge Shute. John W. Kelley of this city appeared for William Brown, who turned state's evidence.

It was during the Davis hearing that the case reached its most interesting stage. The respondent pleaded not guilty and was unrepresented by counsel, while Arthur O. Fuller appeared for the complainant. Mr. Frank Brown testified to seeing his cattle in the pasture on Sept. 26, and to missing them on the following Sunday. He advertised his loss, and drove over 300 miles about the country looking over pastures. Sometime later, he received word from a Lawrence, Mass., tannery saying that a pair of hides answering the description in the advertisement had been sent there, and he visited the tannery and identified the skins. The cattle's horns were stencilled with his initials, but they were missing and at the tannery it was stated that it was the first time that hides had ever been received there without the horns being attached.

John B. Richard, who has a slaughter house in Exeter, testified that he slaughtered a yoke of oxen about the time of the theft, and that he sent the skins to the Lawrence tannery, which Mr. Brown visited. He said that he removed the horns.

William Brown went upon the stand and gave damaging testimony against Davis. He swore that he was at his pal's house one evening, and that Davis spoke of seeing the cattle in the pasture and suggested that they go and get them. They drove them out onto the main road to Exeter and then Davis returned home and Brown led the oxen to Richard's slaughter house, arriving there at about 9 p. m. Mr. Richard, he said, bought them and killed them that night. Brown testified that he and Davis divided the spoils.

Davis declined to go upon the stand and had no witnesses, but stated that at another court he would prove William Brown a liar. Judge Shute held him under \$1000 bonds for the April term of court, and being unable to furnish sureties, he went to jail, accompanied by his former companion, William Brown.

The surprise of the morning came after the decision of the court, when Deputy Sheriff Scott placed Mr. Richard under arrest, on a charge of being an accessory after the fact. Mr. Richard was completely overcome with surprise, but managed to plead not guilty. At his request, his case was continued until next Wednesday morning, and his bail was also set at \$1000.

### ANNUAL REUNION.

The ex-members of the Boys' brigade of the Young Men's Christian association held their first annual reunion at the association building Thursday evening. The scene was an interesting one and was enjoyed by all. One of the rooms was devoted to the latest illustrated papers and magazines another to games and in the reading room a dainty lunch had been spread. The gymnasium was also open. During the evening a fine graphophone programme was given by Mr. E. N. McNabb and there were whistling solos by Miss Viola Redden and life solos by Miss Aldrich. Miss Mabel Redden rendered several piano solos and acted as accompanist.

### THE SPORTSMAN'S SHOW.

Mechanics' hall, Boston, is being transformed into a veritable forest of loveliness in preparation for the Sportsman's show which will be open there on Washington's birthday. This show will attract the attention of every sportsman in this section of the country and has extensive features that have never been before attempted on such a scale. The show will be privately opened on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st.

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### THE SOCIAL CALENDAR.

The Grafton club women sensibly secured Mrs. Jeannette Robinson Murphy to give her musical lecture on "Plantation Folk Lore," Thursday evening. It is quite a novel subject, dealing as it does with negro slave songs, and deserved to be liberally patronized by those who like to hear things discussed that are outside the beaten paths. I am glad to say that quite an audience was present. It was the third attraction in the star course of the Grafton.

By the way, speaking of the Grafton, it is well for a city to be represented in the musical, literary and art field by such an organization. It shows that not all the women of Portsmouth are satisfied with merely sitting down and communing with a limited stock of knowledge, but that some of them, and a goodly number at that, are ambitious to broaden their ideas and come into closer contact with the more ennobling side of life. There cannot be too many Grafton clubs.

Court Rockingham has its hands fully occupied in preparing for its glass exhibit and fair, which will take up the entire week beginning next Monday. As there are a lot of members and all have plenty of friends and acquaintances, Peirce hall may be expected to have a throng each evening while the fair lasts.

The usual sunlight dance on Washington's birthday anniversary will not be lacking this year. The Foresters are to conduct one. In some cities these affairs are elaborated to a considerable extent, but here it is enough to get a congenial party together and have good music and an informal good time.

THE DEBUTANTE.

### AN APPLE SOCIAL.

The social department of the Epworth league gave an apple social to the league members and their friends at the home of Miss Miriam L. Schurman, Middle road, on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst.

About seventy were present, and the evening was spent in a manner most novel and pleasing. The apple naming contest occupied the first of the evening, and much amusement was created when the poems of the different apple groups were read. It was the unanimous opinion of those present, that honors were earned by the russet group, number seven.

Refreshments were served and the evening's entertainment was concluded by several vocal selections by Miss Annie Schurman, and whistling solos by Miss Viola Redden. Much credit is due the social committee of the league and it is hoped by all that many more similar socials will be given in the future.

### WATER FRONT NEWS.

Arrived Feb. 16.—Steamer Sweepstakes, Portland; schooner Nimrod, New York; coal; barges Mt. Carmel, Philadelphia, 1497 tons coal; Oak Hill, Philadelphia, 1492 tons coal, all for J. A. & A. W. Walker.

Reported below, Feb. 16.—Barges John C. Fitzpatrick and Wardana, both light, Portland for Philadelphia; steamer Swatara, Philadelphia, after barges for that port; steamer International, Philadelphia for Boston; schooners Rising Sun, and Ethel F. Merriam, both light, Boston for Rockland and Boothbay, respectively; Hume, light, Boston for Rockland; Mantonomb, Boston for Rockland, general cargo.

### THE SCHEDA CONCERT.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the Scheda grand concert, which is to be given at Music hall, February 26. Herr Scheda's great talent as a violinist makes everyone desire to hear him. His having been a favorite pupil of Joachim, one of the greatest teachers of the violin living, would indicate his great talent, aside from his success as a Viednosno in playing in all the great musical concerts of Europe and before many of the crowned heads. No one should fail to hear him.

### TO BLOW UP THE ICE.

Sydney A. Carroll has been called to Dover to use dynamite to break up the ice jam on the Cocheco river, in the vicinity of the Boston & Maine railroad bridge. Mr. Carroll is an expert in the work. He was employed there during the flood of 1896.

### ACROSS THE RIVER.

Brief Notes From Kittery Gathered for Herald Readers Today.

Tonight occurs the sixth anniversary of the institution of Constitution lodge of Knights of Pythias and the event will be most appropriately observed. Arrangement have been made for a fine affair and the lodge will have a number of invited guests.

It has been said that one of the persons implicated in the recent scandal has been notified by his employer that he must find another situation as soon as possible and that the man is trying to do so.

The news in the Herald last evening that "Elsie" Pinkham was all right in the Philippines was received with a great deal of satisfaction in town and his parents received many callers to congratulate them on their son's safety. The Portland Evening Express, in speaking of the attempt to secure a pardon for Mrs. Barrows, says: "The fact that the murder was particularly atrocious and Mrs. Barrows has never expressed the slightest remorse for it will probably operate to prevent the success of the movement in her behalf."

Mr. W. W. Lucas, the colored lecturer and student at Boston University, lectured at the Methodist church last evening to a fair sized audience. Three selections were given by the Carcano quartette. Mr. Lucas returned to Boston this morning.

### YORK.

YORK, Feb. 15.

The members of the Christian church pleasantly surprised their pastor and his wife last evening with a donation party which resulted in a generous addition to the food supply of the parsonage, as each person carried a pound and some a good many pounds.

Mrs. Ricker of Boston is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bert Littlefield. This evening at the Christian church parlors will be held a cobweb party. Admission free. Cake and ice cream on sale.

The Ladies' Circle met last evening at the Congregational vestry. Supper was served by Mrs. Lowell Grant and Mrs. Charles Gerrish. There was an excellent musical and literary program. Misses Elsie Glenn and Christie Donnell being promoters of the latter.

The display of surt during the past two days has been extremely fine.

The York dancing school seems to have opened most auspiciously. Skating is now good.

The town schools close Friday for six weeks vacation.

Josiah Chaso is the guest of Dr. Hawkes at the Harbor.

### GREENLAND.

GREENLAND, Feb. 16.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church held their annual fair and sale in the town hall last Wednesday evening and cleared between fifty and sixty dollars. The entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music by Ralph Parker of Portsmouth, tenor; Miss Lucy Hoyt of Greenland, soprano, and Prof. Bartlett of Eliot, Me., violin and harmonic specialist. All together a very pleasant and successful evening is reported as having been passed.

The Wappanagoes basketball team contested with the Delapoons of Portsmouth yesterday afternoon for the second game in the series, resulting in a victory for the latter by a score of 21 to 18. The game was well contested from start to finish and up to within three or four minutes of the end the score was a tie. The correspondent is very sorry that there should be any ill feelings toward him by the Delapoons on account of the item that appeared in this column after their last game as he is a fond admirer of all athletic sports and is always willing to cheer the winning team and can cheerfully say Rah! for Delapoons. But wait out for the Indians in the next game in Pierce hall as their blood is up and they have already commenced to decorate in war paint.

The selectmen were in session all yesterday and closed the books for the year ending Feb. 15.

The Wappanagoes have received an invitation to play the Rochester Y. M. C. A. basketball team.

Some fault is being found that the town hall is being used for the basketball team to practice in. Better be careful; it is nearing election and quite a few voters enjoy the sport.

The ice men are busy covering their crops with saw-dust.

### P. A. C. TOURNAMENT GAMES.

The tournament games at the P. A. C. rooms on Thursday resulted as follows: Pool, Gentleman 100, Conner 86; whist, Tibbetts and Malloy won from Jones and Drew, four plus.

### ALL DANGER OVER.

Ice Jam At Hookset Is Breaking Up And The Flood Is Receding.

(S. ec. d to the Herald.)

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 17.—Messengers here from Hookset are to the effect that the ice jam which formed two miles below the town last night, is breaking up and the danger is passed. The flood is receding and anxiety has been relieved.

### BASKET BALL.

A close and exciting game of basket ball was played at the armory on Thursday afternoon, between the Delapoons and the Wappanagoes of Greenland, the former team winning by the score of twenty-one to eighteen.

The features of the games were the playing of Bradford and Washburn of the Delapoons and B. Wilbur of the Wappanagoes. Fouls were repeatedly called on both sides.

The make up of the teams was as follows:

DELAPOONS.	WAPPANAGOES.
Bennett	Center
Bradford	Forward
Jackson	Forward
Washburn	Back
Griffin	Back
	H. Wilbur
	B. Wilbur

Following is the score in detail:

First Half—Goals from field, Bradford 2; Holmes 1. Goals from fouls, Bradford 5; B. Wilbur 4. Total, Delapoons 9; Wappanagoes 6.

Second Half—Goals from field, Bradford 1; Jackson 2; Bennett 1; Holmes 1; Hatch 1; Weeks 1. Goals from fouls, Bradford 4; B. Wilbur 1; Hatch 3. Total, Delapoons 21; Wappanagoes 18.

The next game in the basket ball series between the Delapoons and the Wappanagoes of Greenland will be played in Pierce hall. The date of the game has not yet been definitely settled, but it will probably take place some evening next week.

### A VALUABLE ANIMAL.

One of the best Jersey bulls ever brought into this state was shipped from Hood farm, Lowell, Mass., to Mr. E. I. Daneil of Greenland, N. H., last week. The animal is closely related to the great winners in the World's fair dairy tests, Brown Bessie and Merry Maiden, who beat all cows of all breeds in this, the longest and greatest competition the world has ever known. The famous bull Combination was the grand-sire of both Brown Bessie and Merry Maiden, and the bull bought by Mr. Daniell carries Combination's blood on both his sire's and dam's sides.

### ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject, is narrated by him, as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle, at the Globe Grocery Co.'s store.

### MR. LEAVITT TRANSFERRED.

Mr. John W. Leavitt, who was recently reinstated under the civil service and ordered to duty at the Charlestown navy yard, today received orders transferring him to the general store at this yard.

## Hood's Pills

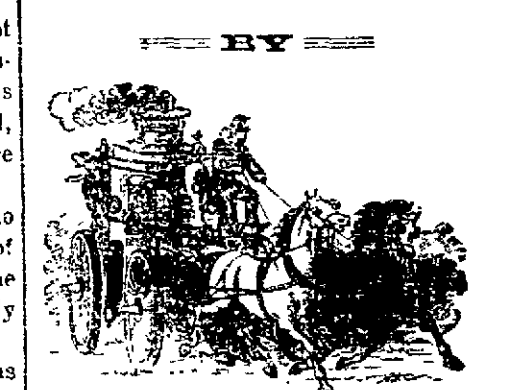
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## INVADING FREE STATE.

Great British Army Under Roberts Moving.

### FIVE BOER LAAGERS CAPTURED.

Sixth and Seventh Divisions Encamped on the River North Bank. Well Within Orange Territory. News From Other Points.

London, Feb. 15.—Lord Roberts has begun his operations against the Boer army between the Modder river and Kimberley by initiating a flanking movement, which up to the present time has proved successful.

The war office has issued the following message from Lord Roberts, dated Feb. 14, 8:10 a. m.:

"General French left this point at 11:20 yesterday morning with three brigades of cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, including several colonial contingents, in order to seize a crossing of the Modder distant about 25 miles. He reports by dispatch, dated 5:25 p. m., that he has forced a passage at Clip drift and occupied the hills north of the river, capturing three of the enemy's laagers, with their supplies, while General Gordon of the Fifteenth Hussars, with his brigade,



LORD ROBERTS.

who had made a point at Rondenval drift, four miles west, has seized it and a second drift between that and Clip drift, together with two more laagers.

"General French's performance is brilliant, considering the excessive heat and a blinding dust storm which raged during the latter part of the day.

"Owing to the rapidity of his movements General French met with but slight opposition, and his losses were small. Lieutenant Johnson of the Essex-Kiddergore is the only officer reported severely wounded.

"The Sixth division was last night on the north bank of the Beit at Waterval drift and is moving to support the cavalry. The seventh division is here and will go on this afternoon.

"Four officers and 53 men had to be sent last evening in the returning ox wagons to the railway line, protesting by heat and exhaustion."

### The Movements Explained.

The drifts referred to in Lord Roberts' official messages are all to the east of Methmen's camp, on the Modder river, and within Free State territory.

The first move was made on Monday by the mounted infantry brigade under Colonel Hainey moving to Hanak, which, as near as can be ascertained, is ten miles almost due south of Jacobsdal.

On the same day General French, with a large cavalry force, took Dekkals drift, on the Beit river, east of Modder River camp, thus opening the way for the Sixth and Seventh divisions under Kelly-Kenny and Tucker, respectively.

French pushed ahead swiftly on Tuesday, marching 25 miles, forcing a passage of the Modder at Clip drift and occupying the hills on the north bank and capturing the Boer laagers there. All this was done within the space of six hours. General Gordon, with a cavalry brigade, seized two other drifts, Rondenval and another between it and Clip drift.

The two infantry divisions are now following up the cavalry advance. With this large British force threatening his left wing on a position stretching from Rixfontein by Magerfontein to Jacobsdal, General French is forced to decide whether he will remain or retire. It has already been intimated that he has chosen to stay. If he chooses to stay, he will have to trench in his rear or his works will be carried. If his rear is intrenched, he will probably be held in check in his present position while Kimberley is relieved.

Probably 37,000 Men Moving.

Lord Methuen, with the First Division, has apparently been left to hold the intrenchments at Modder River, but Lord Roberts has outside of this three infantry divisions—the Sixth, Seventh and Ninth—some ten batteries and a large number of cavalry, mounted infantry and irregular forces. Altogether his force must number about 37,000 men.

Should Orange decide to take up a new position against Roberts, it is doubtful if he is strong enough at the same time to hold Magerfontein against Methuen, who will then be able to proceed to the relief of Kimberley.

The Times publishes the following from its correspondent at Lourenco Marques:

"Mr. Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior of the United States, has emphatically repudiated an alleged interview with him, published by The Standard and Buzzer, New York, attributing to him the statement that in his opinion the Boers would never be conquered."

"It is asserted that since the beginning of the war 6,000 new burghers have been enrolled in the Transvaal. A refugee asserts that on Feb. 6, 1900, including the Irish brigade, were sent from Ladysmith to assist in a contemplated night assault on Kimberley and that the Irish brigade was expected to lead the onslaught."

"Republican officials are circulating reports that the British wish to sue for peace. It is asserted that Chief Detective Meintou, an Irishman, has been interviewing prisoners from the Irish regiments in Pretoria and urging them to take up arms against England."

"Another Johannesburg family has been commended to manufacture shells. Some of the British prisoners have been removed to Irene, just south of Pretoria. Irene is commended by one of the Pretoria forts."

H. C. Foss Court Martialled.

Ladysmith, Feb. 8.—Mr. H. C. Foss, a

resident of Ladysmith, has been court martialled and sentenced to a year's imprisonment at hard labor for circulating false reports calculated to discourage the troops and for advising soldiers to desert. Mr. Foss, who is a native of Natal, pleaded for some time in the Free State. He had been twice warned for asserting that the garrison was on the eve of starvation and capture.

### MR. MACRUM EXPLAINS.

Ex-Consul's Story of Trouble In Pretoria.

### BRITISH CENSOR OPENED MAIL.

Otherwise Interfered With Communication With State Department.

Man of Mystery Says He Was Forced to Be Virtually British Consul.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Charles E. Macrum, formerly United States consul at Pretoria, makes the following public statement in his own defense:

"The situation in Pretoria was such that, first, as an official I could not remain there while my government at home was apparently in the dark as to the exact conditions in South Africa. Secondly, as a man and citizen of the United States I could not remain in Pretoria, sacrificing my self-respect and the respect of the people of Pretoria while the government at home continued to leave me in the position of a British consul and not an American consul. I want to say right here that there was not one single request made of me through the department of state looking to the care of British interests in Pretoria which I did not fulfill and report upon according to my orders. On the other hand, American interests in South Africa were in that condition which demanded that the department of state should be cognizant of them."

"I issued the statement received from the state department that Americans must remain neutral. In the face of this Americans were continually going to that front and taking up arms in the cause of the Boers. I could not help but know that many of these were citizens of the United States. I also knew that many of them in utter despair at the apparent attitude of our own government were taking the oath of allegiance to the Transvaal republic."

"It was over four weeks from the time the war opened before I received a single mail dispatch from my government or a personal letter. The mail for the Transvaal had been all stopped at Cape Town by order of the high commissioner. When this mail was finally forwarded to me, after Colonel Stowe, the consul general at Cape Town, had secured its release, I had the humiliation as the representative of the American government of sitting in my office in Pretoria and looking upon envelopes bearing the official seal of the American government opened and officially sealed with a sticker, notifying me that the contents had been read by the censor."

"At Durban I looked up Pretoria and failed to find anywhere that one military power can use its own discretion as to forwarding the official dispatches of a neutral government to its representative in a besieged city."

"Mail Service Interrupted."

"The mail service from Delagoa Bay to Europe was continually interrupted by the action of British men-of-war at that port. The service was over two weeks longer than by the west coast, and there were continual rumors that that port would be closed and communication with the outside world be entirely cut off."

"The cable service for the Transvaal was absolutely cut off. I was privately informed by the Belgian and German consuls at Pretoria that their official cables in code to their governments had been refused by the censor. The misrepresentations which had been going on before the war and after it opened were of such a serious nature and would require such detailed explanation that on the 6th of November I filed a cable to the department in code stating that I required leave of absence in order to visit the United States. I set forth in this cable that my vice consul had enlisted in the Boer army; that a Mr. Atterbury, an American whom I had known very favorably for more than a year, could take charge of the office until my return. In reply to this dispatch, which was forwarded without delay, I received from the department a reply advising me that my presence at Pretoria was important to public interests."

"On the 6th I telegraphed again acknowledging the receipt of the cable and advising the department that the situation was competent; that my presence in America was important. No reply was received, and I wired again on the 11th, stating that no reply had been received, and again urged a favorable reply. No reply was received to this. On the 14th of November I again wired the department, stating that I could not leave without permission; that I would forfeit my post if the necessary cable would make to the department did not prove satisfactory. This cable was delayed by the censor until the 24th of December, when I had advised that it had just been forwarded. On the 4th of December I received a reply from the department to my cablegram of the 14th, which I had been informed two days previously had just been forwarded. It read as follows:

"You may come home, but Atterbury temporarily in charge. Department will send him from here."

"This was signed 'Hay.'"

"A few days later I received a telegram from Mr. Hollis, consul at Delagoa Bay, stating that he had been instructed to come to Pretoria to take charge of my office during my absence and until a man should arrive from Washington. Mr. Hollis arrived on the 14th of December and was thoroughly posted in the routine of the office, and I introduced him to the heads of all government departments and to my consular colleagues. I left Pretoria in the night of Dec. 15. I went straight to Paris and notified the department of my presence while waiting for the American line boat to sail for New York."

"I appreciated the seriousness of the conditions in South Africa to the extent that on my way to Washington, believing that I was still the consul in Pretoria, I refused to make any statement that would in any way involve the department or embarrass it. My one object was to lay the information before the department as to the true state of affairs in South Africa. If the department thought these facts were of a value sufficient to warrant the expenses of the trip I had taken, I expected to be remunerated and returned to Pretoria, leaving the department to act as it saw fit upon the facts which I had before it."

"Instead of this I had Secretary Hay, whether acting upon the reports in the newspapers or upon advice from the British government or upon other motive I do not know, saw fit not to wait until I could present my reasons in person and has been a silent or conspicuous part in the circulating reports of a British official who came home to find an attempt had been made to tear down my personal reputation."

"I wish to state right here that when I accepted my post as consul I knew nothing of any secret alliance between America and Great Britain and that I had seen nothing in the regulations which made the consul of the American republic subject to the whims and caprices of an English military censor at Durban. I came to America with a motive of which I am not ashamed."

"My acts as a public official are all recorded at the department. My acts now as a private man can in no way involve the public service, and I simply make this statement in my own defense as against those which have come from the department secretly and officially."

### ANTITRUST CONFERENCE.

Adjourned After a Stormy Session.

National Organization.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Stormy scenes characterized the sessions of the national antitrust conference preceding the final adjournment. The climax came when Delegate Joseph F. Parker, a middle of the road Populist, surprised the conference with a resolution pledging the delegates to vote for no party that does not stand for government ownership and the principle of direct legislation. The Democratic leaders interpreted this as an attack on W. J. Bryan and were on their feet in an instant to block the move. A score of delegates took the floor, and all tried to talk at the same time.

A strong attempt was made to offset the partisan effect of the resolutions adopted Tuesday denouncing the pending currency bill. Chairman Frank S. Monnet declared that the movement for public ownership of public utilities was being carried on by the Republican party as well as by the Democratic party.

Ignatius Donnelly pleaded with the delegates to do something tangible. The desired movement, he said, could not be brought about by leagues. He called on the conference to now form a new party and call for a national convention. Unless that was done, he asserted, the conference "would not amount to as much as a last year's bird's nest."

Congressman Sulzer of New York denounced Donnelly as seeking personal support, saying this conference stood for principles and not for men.

The report of the committee on national organization was unanimously adopted. Election of officers under the report was then called. M. L. Lockwood was unanimously elected president of the national organization. Franklin H. Wentworth of Chicago was elected secretary. C. T. Bride of Washington was elected treasurer and W. B. Fleming of Kentucky financial secretary.

### Saved From Sinking Collier.

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Ex-Consul's Story of Trouble In Pretoria.

### BRITISH CENSOR OPENED MAIL.

Otherwise Interfered With Communication With State Department.

Man of Mystery Says He Was Forced to Be Virtually British Consul.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Charles E. Macrum, formerly United States consul at Pretoria, makes the following public statement in his own defense:

"The situation in Pretoria was such that, first, as an official I could not remain there while my government at home was apparently in the dark as to the exact conditions in South Africa. Secondly, as a man and citizen of the United States I could not remain in Pretoria, sacrificing my self-respect and the respect of the people of Pretoria while the government at home continued to leave me in the position of a British consul and not an American consul. I want to say right here that there was not one single request made of me through the department of state looking to the care of British interests in Pretoria which I did not fulfill and report upon according to my orders. On the other hand, American interests in South Africa were in that condition which demanded that the department of state should be cognizant of them."

"I issued the statement received from the state department that Americans must remain neutral. In the face of this Americans were continually going to that front and taking up arms in the cause of the Boers. I could not help but know that many of these were citizens of the United States. I also knew that many of them in utter despair at the apparent attitude of our own government were taking the oath of allegiance to the Transvaal republic."

"It was over four weeks from the time the war opened before I received a single mail dispatch from my government or a personal letter. The mail for the Transvaal had been all stopped at Cape Town by order of the high commissioner. When this mail was finally forwarded to me, after Colonel Stowe, the consul general at Cape Town, had secured its release, I had the humiliation as the representative of the American government of sitting in my office in Pretoria and looking upon envelopes bearing the official seal of the American government opened and officially sealed with a sticker, notifying me that the contents had been read by the censor."

"At Durban I looked up Pretoria and failed to find anywhere that one military power can use its own discretion as to forwarding the official dispatches of a neutral government to its representative in a besieged city."

"Mail Service Interrupted."

"The mail service from Delagoa Bay to Europe was continually interrupted by the action of British men-of-war at that port. The service was over two weeks longer than by the west coast, and there were continual rumors that that port would be closed and communication with the outside world be entirely cut off."

"The cable service for the Transvaal was absolutely cut off. I was privately informed by the Belgian and German consuls at Pretoria that their official cables in code to their governments had been refused by the censor. The misrepresentations which had been going on before the war and after it opened were of such a serious nature and would require such detailed explanation that on the 6th of November I filed a cable to the department in code stating that I required leave of absence in order to visit the United States. I set forth in this cable that my vice consul had enlisted in the Boer army; that a Mr. Atterbury, an American whom I had known very favorably for more than a year, could take charge of the office until my return. In reply to this dispatch, which was forwarded without delay, I received from the department a reply advising me that my presence at Pretoria was important to public interests."

"On the 6th I telegraphed again acknowledging the receipt of the cable and advising the department that the situation was competent; that my presence in America was important. No reply was received, and I wired again on the 11th, stating that no reply had been received, and again urged a favorable reply. No reply was received to this. On the 14th of November I again wired the department, stating that I could not leave without permission; that I would forfeit my post if the necessary cable would make to the department did not prove satisfactory. This cable was delayed by the censor until the 24th of December, when I had advised that it had just been forwarded. On the 4th of December I received a reply from the department to my cablegram of the 14th, which I had been informed two days previously had just been forwarded. It read as follows:

"You may come home, but Atterbury temporarily in charge. Department will send him from here."

"This was signed 'Hay.'"

"A few days later I received a telegram from Mr. Hollis, consul at Delagoa Bay, stating that he had been instructed to come to Pretoria to take charge of my office during my absence and until a man should arrive from Washington. Mr. Hollis arrived on the 14th of December and was thoroughly posted in the routine of the office, and I introduced him to the heads of all government departments and to my consular colleagues. I left Pretoria in the night of Dec. 15. I went straight to Paris and notified the department of my presence while waiting for the American line boat to sail for New York."

"I appreciated the seriousness of the conditions in South Africa to the extent that on my way to Washington, believing that I was still the consul in Pretoria, I refused to make any statement that would in any way involve the department or embarrass it. My one object was to lay the information before the department as to the true state of affairs in South Africa. If the department thought these facts were of a value sufficient to warrant the expenses of the trip I had taken, I expected to be remunerated and returned to Pretoria, leaving the department to act as it saw fit upon the facts which I had before it."

"Instead of this I had Secretary Hay, whether acting upon the reports in the newspapers or upon advice from the British government or upon other motive I do not know, saw fit not to wait until I could present my reasons in person and has been a silent or conspicuous part in the circulating reports of a British official who came home to find an attempt had been made to tear down my personal reputation."

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FRIDAY, FEB. 16, 1900.

Teach the young idea how to box in stead of shoot in Kentucky.

Mr. Macrum, of Pretoria, may yet be goaded into taking revenge by lecturing.

With possession of Delagoa bay England will have the stronghold on Oon Paal.

Shooting may be resumed in Kentucky at any hour. The political situation is undoubtedly loaded.

The London Roberts and the Utah Roberts are having more than their share of this year's output of trouble.

Mr. Pettigrew might simplify the situation somewhat by translating himself into Tagal dialect for free circulation in Luzon.

Aguinaldo is supposed to have run away. Can it be that he finally lost faith in his friends Lenz, Atkinson and Pettigrew?

Pingree, having been mentioned as a possible democratic presidential nominee, indicates that the party choice lies between silver and potatoes.

Col. Bryan's ambitions to reach the White House may be in some degree due to a hope of being so situated that his life will not be a perpetual lecture tour.

Esterhazy, the prize villain in the conspiracy against Dreyfus, wants to be tried for his crimes. This is strange, considering that he has already convicted himself.

So far, Mr. Pettigrew has refrained from declaring that the blood of the murdered Kentuckians rests on the president's head; but there is still time to repair the omission.

Mr. Bourke Cockran has agreed to deliver an address before the Boston "Anti-Imperial League." It will doubtless prove a very big speech before a very small crowd.

What a disappointment is in store for men who hope to win power from the American people by proposing to pull down "Old Glory" from the poles where Dewey triumphed and where Lawton fell!

In appointing Mrs. Potter Palmer as one of the American commissioners to the Paris exposition, President McKinley has performed an act which is at once gracious, proper and altogether praiseworthy.

A yellow correspondent claims to have discovered that Ohio will go for Bryan this year. The debased money crowd have been claiming Ohio for thirty years and their platforms have been vigorously kicked out at every trial.

Mr. Cleveland declines to publish his reasons for refusing to attend Mr. Shepard's harmony dinner in Brooklyn. It may yet turn out that both Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Bryan declined to attend because each feared the other would be present.

There is a growing belief among intelligent democrats that the easiest way to get rid of Mr. Bryan is to let him go ahead and get another old-fashioned ail around thrashing. Hence the general willingness to allow him to arrange the preliminaries to suit himself.

Section 5324 of the revised statutes of the United States imposes a fine of not more than \$5,000 and imprisonment for not more than ten years for men who give aid and comfort to those engaged in rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United States or the laws thereof. Some of Aguinaldo's

particular friends in this country would have a good time if this law were enforced.

In case Aguinaldo has actually fled from the island of Luzon, as some reports declare, it may be that he will arrive in this country in time to make a few campaign speeches for his friend Bryan. The appearance of the Tagal leader on the democratic stump would be a novelty well worth the price of admission.

LORD ROBERTS MUST ACT SOON.

There has long been little hope among English military experts and other well informed persons of the relief of Ladysmith. The motive of General Buller's last advance was probably moral rather than military. Honor forbade the abandonment of the brave men in the besieged city without at least one more effort.

But now it seems that the day of doom is coming close to Kimberley. For more than six weeks past the situation in that place has been deplorable. Food has been scarce for a long time and the ravages of disease have been something awful to contemplate. Then the Boers are said to be extending their trenches, and the latest dispatches show that the bombardment has become distressing. Twenty miles away, at Modder river, is Lord Roberts with a force estimated at 25,000 men. It is expected that the hour of action in that quarter is at hand. The plan is supposed to be a flank attack on the Boers' position, Magersfontein, which will force them to abandon the siege of Kimberley. Probably the fiercest battle of the war is close at hand, for it cannot be supposed that Roberts will tamely permit Kimberley to fall under his very eyes, without a battle, or that the Boers will permit their prey to escape them without a desperate defense.

BOWLING.

The Rockingham and the Portsmouths bowled close strings in the city league, Thursday evening, and interested a large number of lookers on. The Portsmouths took two of the three strings, while their opponents won the highest total. The score was as follows:

ROCKINGHAM.			
Caswell	82	87	78-247
F. Woods	77	73	85-235
Churchill	70	91	84-245
Johnson	85	84	78-247
G. Woods	85	87	89-260
399 422 413 1234			

PORTSMOUTH.

W. Mitchell	81	85	81-247
J. Mitchell	86	77	91-251
Buchanan	85	86	80-251
Newick	68	65	85-218
Lytle	68	79	70-214
406 392 416 1214			

DROPPED HER CENTREBOARD.

The four-masted schooner Augustus Hunt, from Boston, lies in the lower harbor with her centreboard down. She is drawing thirty-five feet of water, about double her usual draught, but still there is plenty of the brine under her keel.

The Herald is never phased by a scarcity of live local news. It always contrives to have plenty of original readable reading matter.



## Fatherless.

There's something about the little black devil that touches a man in a very tender spot. He puts the little one on the head, puts some pommes in her hand, and orders of the blood, liver, kidneys, heart or nerves. The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, for diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition will avert the catastrophe of more serious disease. It strengthens the stomach, purifies the blood, nourishes the nerves, and builds men up in both brain and body.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used with "Discovery" where a laxative is required.

# GREAT ICE JAM.

Threatening Manchester At One O'clock This Morning.

The City Warned Of An Impending Catastrophe.

Merrimack Had Risen Six Feet In A Single Hour.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 16, 2:30 A. M.—Word received here from Hooksett at one o'clock reported a big ice jam two miles below the town, and all the country in the Merrimack valley, above the jam, flooded. Some of the farmers had already lost their outbuildings and live stock. The dispatch said that the eventual loss would be terrible. The information represented that a catastrophe was inevitable and that the people below the jam had no idea of the terrible danger impending. The police of this city were requested to warn the people of Amoskeag of the possible breaking of the jam. The reports from Hooksett said that the Merrimack rose six feet in one hour, tonight, breaking the high water record of the '96 freshet by four feet. The jam is described as three miles long. At midnight it had reached Martin's Ferry and had a firm hold.

SLIPPED HIS HANDCUFFS, BUT WAS RECAPTURED.

DOVER, N. H., Feb. 15.—R. W. Burley, who escaped from the county of ficers here today, was recaptured in Durham a few hours later and now occupies his old cell in the Strafford county jail. Burley was arraigned in the supreme court here today on the charge of breaking and entering. While he was being taken back to the jail by Deputies Cushman and Seavey, after the court, he slipped his handcuffs and got away. There were twenty-two other prisoners with him and the deputies could not leave them. Burley jumped from the barge in which they were being transported and cut across a vacant lot. He was recaptured by Sheriff Hayes, Deputy Hayes and Officer Stevens of the Dover police force. As he had been keeping company with a girl in Durham before he was put in jail the officers thought he might have gone to see her, so they went to the house of a Mr. Pinkham in Durham where the girl lives. As they entered they saw Burley sneaking down into the cellar. It was easy to seize him. The young woman became a mother two weeks ago and Burley told the officers he had come there to see the child.

CASTELLANE LEAVES US.

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CURRENCY BILL PASSED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate's substitute for the house currency bill was passed today by the most decisive vote of forty-six to twenty-nine. Mr. Chandler voted for the bi-metallic amendment, but against the bill. The bill as passed has ten sections. It provides that a dollar with 25.810 grains of gold shall be the standard unit of value and that all treasury notes and greenbacks shall be redeemable in gold.

LOSS, \$5000.

CENTER STORE, N. H., Feb. 15.—A large storehouse, owned by John W. Chamberlain, at Centerville, was burned tonight with all its contents. The loss is five thousand dollars. The contents were uninsured and the building had but a small insurance. In the storehouse was a large quantity of provisions, such as are used in a country store.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Forecast for New England: Fair and colder Friday, diminishing northwest winds; Saturday fair.

# STRONG TESTIMONY.

This is Portsmouth Testimony and Will Stand Investigation.

It is doubtful the following and wish to investigate, you haven't to go to some of the state in the Union to prove it. It's not a long story published in Portsmouth newspapers about a resident in Kalamazoo, Mich., or Tampa, Fla. It's about a resident of Portsmouth and given in his own words. No stronger proof can be had.

Mr. Charles Kennedy, of 25 Gate-street, says: "A few years ago I was laid up with rheumatism for over two months so that I could not get out of the house. I never regained my former strength and my kidneys are up to become sluggish. During the winter I was taken with a very lame back and the constant ache made me miserable. I was so sore over my kidneys that I could hardly pick up anything from the floor, and I began to get in the back that was excruciating. I went to Phillips' pharmacy on Congress street for Doan's Kidney Pills; after I had commenced to use them I gradually grew better till the lameness and soreness entirely disappeared.

For sale by all dealers; price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

# MOLINEUX TO BE SENTENCED TODAY.

New York, Feb. 15.—Roland B. Molineux will be arraigned before Recorder Goff at 10:30 tomorrow morning for sentence. The date of execution will be named later by the recorder. All arrangements have been completed for Molineux's immediate removal to Sing Sing prison.

# ENCOUNTERED BRITISH LANCERS.

BOER HEAD LANCER, LADY-MITH, Feb. 13.—Yesterday General Botha with a small force crossed the Tagela river to a deserted British camp. They encountered fifty Lancers, of whom they killed thirteen, wounded five and captured nine.

# LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—The National League of American Wheelmen today relinquished control of racing and abolished the amateur clause of membership.

# ADOPTED GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The house of commons today adopted the government's military scheme by the vote of 239 to thirty-four. The minority consisted mostly of Irish members.

# RENSBURG EVACUATED?

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Cape Town says: "It is reported here that the British have evacuated Rensburg and retired to Arundel."

# A THOUSAND TONGUES.

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure: "It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly. Something I can scarcely remember, doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will everyone who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at the Globe Grocery Co. Every bottle guaranteed.

# How Wealth is Created.

"It is rather amusing," remarked the head of the biggest bureau de change in London to the writer, "to see the various methods in which different nationalities carry their worldly wealth. The Englishman carries his all in gold in his right hand trousers pocket—gold, silver and copper all mixed up together. He pulls a handful of the mixture out of his pocket in a large, opulent way and selects the coins he has need of. The American carries his wealth in a peculiar long, narrow neck-tie, in which the green backs of the dollar bills are visible. The Frenchman makes use of a leather purse with no distinguishing characteristics, while the German uses one gaily embroidered in silks by the fair hands of some Lichten or Minna. The half-civilized capitalist from some torrid South American city carries his dollars in a belt with cunningly devised pockets to hold the gentlemen with the light fingers. Some of these belts are very expensive. The Indian of the poorest class ties up his little fortune in a gaily colored handkerchief secured with many knots, which he secures in some inconspicuous manner about his clothes. A similar course has charms for the Spaniard, while the lower class Russian exhibits a preference for his boots or the lining of his clothes as a hiding place for his savings."—London Answers.

# Vigorous Language.

"Trell you," said Sammy Snuggs, "that man talked straight from the shoulder." "Samuel," said Mr. Snuggs severely, "you should not use slang."

But, father, this was a deaf and dumb man, and he used the sign language."—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

# WITH THE THEATRICAL FOLK.

At G. Field's minstrels are making all kinds of money on the New Hampshire circuit. The other night in Keene, which hasn't the reputation of an extremely good show town, over one hundred paid admissions were recorded when the receipts were figured up in the box office, Nashua turned out in force Monday night to see the merry men, and on Tuesday night they had a crowd in Concord.

Diamond Brothers minstrels are carrying around an unusually fine olio this season. The talent in it rivals even that which is exploited under the banners of Hi Henry, Field, Primrose and the rest. Read this list: Richard, who is known as a really marvelous fast juggler; Horner Brothers, crackjack knockabout comedians; Frateley, the cyclist; Knox Brothers, musical comedians of acknowledged merit; and the Brothers Martine, greatest of them all, whose sensational acrobatic act is superlative. They use a rebounding table from which they do single, double and triple somersaults, winding up with a series of thirty two in succession.

James O'Neill, who came around here five or six years ago in Monte Cristo, proposes reviving the play next season on a spectacular scale. It is quite likely that Portsmouth will have a chance to see the production.

I have been wondering at the slowness of playwrights and actors in adapting some of the incidents of the South African war to the stage. Now it is announced that Thomas E. Shea is putting into shape for a play, material from that shooting match. It ought to draw crowds, if he gets it going before the Boers end the whole business by smothering John Bull's empire.

At G. Field always has plenty of fun makers in his show, and prime ones, too. This year he has a group that are warranted to drive away any blues which may stray into the playhouse. Here they are: The irresistible Tommy Donnelly, Harry Shuk, Doc Quigley (the unexcelled), Dan Quinlan, Fairman and Hyde and Field himself.

# THE PLAYGOER.

Most Miserable Women in the World. Weak and nervous women, whose strength is exhausted and nerves are worn out with work, worry and female weakness, make their own lives miserable and all with whom they associate. Such women deserve more sympathy than they get. It is medical treatment they need at once, and treatment of the right sort. Dr. Greene's Discovery cured many other wonderful remedies for different diseases, and his experience with this overworked nervous condition is better than any other physician's, and he can be consulted confidentially, absolutely without charge, either by personal call or by letter through the mail at his office, 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass. Thousands of women have told or written the story of their troubles to Dr. Greene and he has always helped them. His advice is free. If you are a nervous woman you can appreciate Dr. Greene's promise of help. Investigate this promise for your own sake and your family's.

# STATE NEWS.

The prohibition party of the state of New Hampshire will hold its state convention in Concord, on March 15. Grand Army hall is to be the place of meeting. Oliver W. Stewart of Chicago, chairman of the prohibitional national committee, will be present and will address the convention in the afternoon.

The colonial ball given by the ladies of Epping was a great success, as elaborate preparations had been made to make it the affair of the season. The only impediment in the way of a complete realization of the expectations of the managing committee was the unfortunate conditions of travel. The ladies, with few exceptions, wore dresses in true colonial style and the gentlemen also. There were fifty couples in the grand march.

The funeral services of Loren D. Lyford of Exeter, who was drowned in the Squamscott river were held today, public services being conducted in the parlors of Masonic hall in the morning at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon the body was taken to Kingston, where, at 2 o'clock services were held at the home of his brother.

Mrs. Hulda Grast, wife of Charles Grant, of Stratham, died Thursday at the age of 62 years, 6 months and 9 days. She was born in Kennebunk, Me., the daughter Richard Thompson, and had lived in Stratham eighteen years.

Daniel McCarthy, employed at the county farm at Brentwood, was arrested at the depot Tuesday evening by Officer Fred Gray. After being locked up he had an attack of delirium tremens and spent Thursday at the station under a physician's care. He was sent to the farm for sixty days.

A party of fifty or more newspaper men from Plymouth, Laconia, Concord, Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth, Milford and other points, will make the trip to Boston on Saturday to attend the outing of the Coon club, the state organization.

# PORTSMOUTH'S SECRET AND SOCIAL SOCIETIES.

WHEN AND WHERE THEY MEET.  
A Guide for Visitors and Members.

OAK CASTLE, NO. 1, K. G. E.  
Meets at Hall, Peirce Block, High St., Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month.  
Officers—Charles F. Cole, N. C.; Fred Gardner, P. C.; Charles E. Oliver, V. C.; Geo. E. M. Smiley, W. H.; F. P. Gidney, H. P.; True W. Priest, K. of E.; Allison L. Phiney, C. of E.; Samuel E. Gardner, M. of E.; James Kehoe, S. H.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, NO. 97, B. P. O. E.  
Meets at Hall, Daniel St., Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month, except Second Tuesday of June, July and August, and Fourth Tuesday of September.  
Officers—True W. Priest, E. R., H. B. Dow, T. I. T. Davis, S.

BESOR SENATE, NO. 602, K. A. E. O.  
Meets in Pythian Hall, Second and Fourth Fridays in each month.  
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The Entire Production under the Direction of Miss Florence and Miss Moses.

Seats on Sale at Music Hall Box Office, beginning Tuesday morning at 1:30 o'clock.  
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Check-List Notice.

The Board of Registrars of Voters for the City of Portsmouth hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Common Council Chamber at City Hall in said City on the following dates, to-wit: February 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, at the following hours: 9 A. M. to 12 M., 2 P. M. to 4 P. M., 7 P. M. to 9 P. M., for the purpose of making up and correcting the Check-List of the several Wards in said City to be used at the City Election to be held on March 19th, 1900.

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THE MAGICAL MIRROR

A CURIOUS GLASS OWNED BY A WASHINGTON MAN.

Several Well Known Persons Have Seen Portentous Pictures Reflected in Its Oval Surface, Although It Will Not Work For All.

While all of us have heard in early childhood of the tales of magical mirrors, in which impossible heroes saw impossible heroines in danger, from which said heroes proceeded to rescue the fair maidens, yet such things have been relegated by most of us to the region of the imagination. We regard such things as being outside of the real world of today and belonging to the region of myth and fable. Yet, in spite of our prosaic nineteenth century, it is nevertheless a fact that a Washington gentleman is the possessor of an article which might be classed as appropriately belonging to the time of Aladdin and the wonderful lamp.

This strange acquisition is a mirror which came from India, and in which one can see the events which the future will bring forth. That such is its power is attested by some of the best known gentlemen of the city, who, for obvious reasons, do not wish their names to be mentioned.

This mirror came into the possession first of a Washington lady who was traveling in India, and, being interested in the religion of the country, took a trip to the famous temple of Alora, which lies in a rocky side of the foothills of the Himalaya mountains. This temple is now but a ruin of jagged rocks, jutting out harshly into the soft greenward that rolls smoothly down into the valley below. Above tower the vast mountains with their glittering caps of snow looking down on the peaceful tropical scene where for ages the followers of Brahma have performed their sacred rites.

The ruins of the temple stand, open to the weather, and its ancient glory, which came in such splendor before the British came to India, is now diminished. But a small band of Brahman monks still kept the sacred secrets and ceremonies alive. Few Europeans ever penetrate this section of the mountains, but the Washington lady mounted and visited the monastery. While there she managed to secure possession of one of the mirrors made by the monks and reputed to possess wonderful properties.

The lady brought the mirror with her on her return to town, and at her death it came into the possession of Mr. Lowndes, a milk. From him it was bought by a gentleman who takes great interest in such matters, but who would not like the fact of the existence of the mirror in his house to be known, as it would attract thousands of seekers after the curious. After paying quite a large sum for the glass the mirror was brought home and put to the test.

The mirror is oval in shape, about a foot long and is surrounded by a wooden frame two inches in width and painted a dark green. The back of the glass is coated with asphaltum and then covered with dark linen, so that the whole has the appearance of a lustrous opal. The method of use is by sitting with the mirror in one's lap and holding the glass so that there is no reflection of other objects shining on the surface of the glass. If the test is a success, there will appear in about a quarter of an hour a thin, cloudy mist, which will slowly float over the surface, and then the images of future events will be mirrored in the seemingly fathomless depth of the glass.

The gentleman who owns the mirror has never been highly successful in seeing anything, but a friend of his, a prominent judge and a thirty-third degree Mason, had a remarkable experience. He placed the mirror in his lap, and, after half an hour, a mist floated over the surface; then he saw reflected in the glass a picture of a coffin, within which was the still, white face of a dead man. At first glance the features seemed those of the gazer, but on looking closely it was seen that they represented exactly the brother of the gentleman—a man then in perfect health. In a second the picture shifted, and another face—that of a friend—appeared within the sides of the coffin. The gentleman in two weeks afterward lost his brother, and in a short while his friend, whose face he had also seen, passed to another world.

A son of the owner was one evening looking into the mirror, when he saw within a picture of a house in flames. There were the servants looting from the porches, then returning to drag out the furniture. The glass of the mirror around a yard which the housekeeper had that of his own farmhouse down the Potomac. By the mail two days afterward he received from his housekeeper an account of a fire which had destroyed his home, and the description tallied exactly with the picture seen in the mirror.

Another man, a gentleman employed in the bureau of ethnology and well known as a scientist and linguist, has also seen many pictures in the mirror—pictures of events in his life which were afterward realized to the letter.

By a student of occultism the following directions were given in a treatise on that subject, which dealt with the methods employed in making such mirrors: The materials used are one glass, 8 1/2 inches by 8 1/2 inches, free from flaws and concave in shape; a small amount of turpentine, asphaltum, a pint of spirits of turpentine, a small hairbrush, a box in which to case the mirror, and a half a yard of new cloth. The glass is placed in a clean, light and airy room, the materials washed perfectly clean; then the brush and the glass are wiped over with turpentine. Afterward the back of the glass is coated smoothly with a thin varnish of the asphaltum and left to dry the operation being repeated for the two following days. At the end of that time the mirror is magnetized by placing the hands above it and slowly waving them to and fro, so that the animal magnetic force may be well absorbed by the asphaltum. The asphaltum is the best known material for absorption of the aura of the human body, and this is the reason for its use. The test should be made also in a clean, airy chamber when alone and when the mind is composed, and by perseverance the inquirer is sure to be rewarded—so say the books on magic.—Washington Post.

The Birds Save Us.

A French naturalist says that if the world were to become birdless man could not inhabit it after nine years' time. In spite of all the sprays and poisons that could be manufactured for the destruction of insects the bugs and slugs would simply eat up orchards and crops.

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A SIMPLE LITTLE MIX UP.

How It Helped One Man at the Expense of Another.

How a bunch of roses sold a couple of high priced railroad tickets is the basis of a queer little comedy of errors enacted the other day at a leading city hotel. Among the guests of the house was a wealthy Texas gentleman who was on his way to his wife for a visit to New England. The Texas has a local business representative here in the person of a bustling young man about town, who was especially anxious to make the stay of his principal as pleasant as possible. Accordingly he rushed to a florist's as soon as he saw the names on the register and ordered him to put up the handsomest bunch of roses he had in the shop and send them over to Mrs. Blank at such and such a hotel. In his hurry he forgot to leave his card for inclosure, and, supposing it was omitted intentionally, the florist proceeded to prepare a magnificent bouquet, which he dispatched forthwith by messenger.

It so happened at the moment the flowers arrived that a city passenger solicitor for one of the north bound roads had just handed over his card to be sent to the Texas gentleman's apartment, and quite naturally the pasteboard and the roses went up together. The visitors were both astonished and pleased. "This is certainly a princely way of soliciting business," exclaimed the merchant, examining the flowers. "Why, these things must have cost all of \$10. Show the gentleman up." The solicitor was shown up, received most cordially and given an immediate order for through transportation both ways. He departed, chuckling merrily, but a little dazed by the facility of his deal and puzzled to understand the many references to his "courtesy" and "thoughtfulness."

An hour or so later the local representative dropped around and was met by his employer in the lobby. The greeting was painfully mannered, and not a word was said about the flowers. The rooming man was greatly chagrined and began to believe he had made a bad break. Next day he accompanied the couple to the depot, and incidentally something was said about the route.

"We decided to go this way on account of the gentleman who called to sell us tickets," explained the lady. "He was so courteous and pleasant! Why, would you believe it," she continued, "he actually sent me an enormous bunch of beauty roses with his business card!"

Light dawned on the local representative, and he groaned. In his pocket was a florist's bill for \$12.75.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A JUMPING TOOTHACHE.

How It Won Its Victim Credit For Bravery In Battle.

"It was a toothache," said the veteran, "that won me a reputation for daring at the battle of Bull Run. That was the only fight I was ever in where I didn't wish I could find a hole to crawl into. All this talk about coolness on the eve of battle is nonsense, invented by people who have never been there or old soldiers whose tongues get away with their memories. One man and officer were as brave as any in the war and made good records, but they all had theague and longed for sick leave just about the time the bullets began to fly. But I had the toothache for two days before that battle, and if there is an aggravation on earth that will make a man want to bat his best friend in the face that is it."

"On the night before the fight I did not sleep a wink. The old tooth got to jumping like a goat, and I couldn't have suffered more from an amputated leg. I was also furiously mad. I felt that I ought to bolt for the rear in search of relief or encourage some rebel to put a ball through my head."

"We'd been waiting in battle line for an hour, and the boys had grown white and were all choked up. I had been entirely occupied with the old tooth, and the first thing I knew the fight was on. We were holding them in check, but that didn't suffice me. As I got hold of my gun and pulled the handkerchief off my jaw I yelled out for the boys to follow, and we struck a whole brigade and killed it. I sent it back half a mile. I felt that I could lick the whole of Lee's army for an hour or two! They told me that I yelled and dodged death a thousand times, but I remember nothing but the jumps of that tooth. When they stopped, or for what particular reason, I could never say, but after a couple of hours I came to myself, as it were, and was being complimented on all sides, and the jumps had ceased."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Light and Airy.

The Abyssinian soldier's ordinary dress is not very attractive. It consists, it is said, of a white linen shirt down to his knees and a pair of light linen trousers to half way down his calf. Over this he wears a belt of folded linen, and, as a rule, a "shamma," or white cotton sheet, draped round him. Cloaks of blue, red, green, yellow or violet, ornamented with rough embroidery, leopard skins, sheepskins and even lion skins are worn on special occasions by the officers and small chiefs, and the army then presents a noble show.

Any man who has killed a lion or an elephant or has distinguished himself much in battle wears an aureole, or lion's mane, on his head. For each five men he has killed he wears a silver band on his sword scabbard. The highest recompense for valor is a sort of velvet top hat ornamented with silver, and great officers are given shields covered with velvet and ornamented with gold and silver.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

One Exception.

"Do you love me so much," she demanded, "that you would be willing to give up your all for me?" "Yes," he replied, "I would willingly give up all for you; but, of course, that doesn't include what I expect from your father."—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

Looking Ahead.

"It is only a matter of time," said Golf-er, "when the expansion policy will carry us into Canada." "What makes you think that?" "Oh, we will need the land on the other side of the border for golf links!"—Philadelphia North American.

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A SONG THAT IS SONG.

Only a bird! Not soaring to the sky in woodlands free and meads aglow with spring.

No room was there for songster blithe to fly Where prison bars made mock of idle wing. Only a bird! The prison bars were cast by melody as clear and mild and strong Two jesters, free and chirped in discontent And fled to hide the forest shades among.

Only a bird! Death came among our group, And ere we spoke the "earth to earth" again We tried to sing a hymn to give us hope And comfort in the dreary hour of pain. 'Twas but a bird that put us all to shame. That song of peace and hope. When tears made dumb.

The printed words, a flood of music came From feathered throat, and God's voice spoke through him.

Only a bird! Yet childish eyes are wet Now that the song is sung, the singer dead, And elder folk shall mourn the feathered pet. 'Twas, timorous, from their careless hands he fled.

Only a bird! My lips the prayer repeat. When death tears down my prison bars for me. The song I've sung may echo just as sweet. And thank the donor in the sight of thee!—Joseph Danneberg in Boston Transcript.

CATCHING A COBRA.

A Delicate and Dangerous Operation Interestingly Described.

The cobra is passionately fond of music and is no mean critic thereof. As a rule, it only hears the harp, but if there be any instrument which it loves more than another it is the violin. It is this amiable weakness that sometimes renders it a positive danger to the musical householder in India. By a reciprocity of causation this love of music in the cobra works for its own destruction. For if a cobra takes up its abode in the neighborhood of a dwelling house it is customary to send for a couple of professional snake charmers. One of them strikes up a tune near the place where the cobra is supposed to be.

No matter what the creature may be doing at the time, even if it be out visiting, so to speak, at some neighboring house, it is soon attracted by the music. It emerges slowly from its hiding place and strikes up an attitude in front of the player. There it is kept engaged with the music till the other man gradually creeps behind with a handful of fine dust. At a convenient moment, when the cobra is standing motionless, this man suddenly throws the dust over the head and eyes of the snake.

Immediately the cobra falls its full length upon the ground—for the brief second, but that second is enough. Like a lightning flash—nay, with one and the same motion with which he cast the dust—he seizes the prostrate cobra by the neck just below the head. In fierce anger the cobra winds and winds its body round the arm of its captor, but to no purpose. It cannot turn its head to bite. If it be desirable to extract the fangs at once, the captor presses his thumb on the throat of the cobra and thus compels it to open its mouth; then the fangs are drawn with a pair of pinchers. If, however, the operator desires to keep the snake intact for the present, the late musician offers his aid and, forcibly unwinding the coils, places the body of the cobra in a basket, all but the head (which is still held by the other man), and presses down the lid to prevent the cobra from wriggling out. Then suddenly the captor thrusts the head in and bangs down the lid.

In the above description two men are needed to capture the snake, but a very expert charmer may do the feat single handed, though it is highly dangerous. This is the method employed: While playing with one hand he throws the dust sideways with the other and captures the snake with that hand. Of course the whole action is like a lightning flash, and a half a second's delay or the merest bungling either in throwing the dust or in catching the snake at the proper place may prove fatal to the operator.—World Wide Magazine.

Some Queer Insurance Cases.

A good story is told of a betting man who was in the habit of regularly purchasing a railway insurance ticket whenever he went on his travels. Once he failed to go, and his train was in imminent danger. His disgust knew no bounds. "Here have I been betting on this coming off all my life," he said, "and now that it has I've not got a bet on!"

There is one sadly dramatic history associated with an insurance ticket. A gentleman purchased one prior to starting on a journey, and, as is frequently done, sent it home to his wife from the depot. The ticket was delivered simultaneously with an intimation from the railway company announcing that he had lost his life in a railway accident.

In the case of the Tay bridge disaster an insurance ticket was discovered upon the body of one of the victims. The ticket had been reduced to absolute pulp by the action of the sea water, but under a microscope the printing could still be traced. The company thereupon admitted the claim and duly paid over the amount of the insurance money.—Railway Magazine.

How Emery Is Quarried.

Emery comes from the island of Naxos, in the eastern Mediterranean, whence it has been exported for the last two centuries or more. The beds are in the northeast of the island. There are about 300 men engaged in the trade, all of whom have to be married before they are admitted to the fraternity. The material is much too hard to be dug out or even blasted. Great fires are lighted around the blocks till the natural cracks expand with the heat, and levers are then inserted to pry them apart. This system is continued until the blocks are reduced in size to masses of a cubic foot or less, and they are then shipped as if they were coal. There are said to be 30,000,000 tons yet available at Naxos, and the last reported year's export was 3,950 tons. It is one of the hardest substances known.—Ironmongery.

Taking a Hint.

How long does it take some people to take a hint? A young man says that he has called six times on an Atchison girl and that her sisters still stay in the room. He says that by the time a man makes a second call at a Topeka home the family have decided which girl he wants, and all the rest move out and give him a show.—Atchison Globe.

His Favorite.

The Infant Prodigy—What shall I play for you tonight, Uncle George? Uncle George—Oh, go and play dead for awhile; that's a good girl.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

His Downfall.

"When I first knew Thrangina, he was a township supervisor and a good citizen." "What changed him?" "I don't exactly know. All I know is that when the township was annexed to the city school board suggested that he would make a good alderman. I guess he took it to heart."—Chicago Tribune.

THE "HONEST" GAMBLER.

How New York Supplies Him With Cooked Tools of Trade.

"Cards and dice fixed to order," is the way a sign in the window of a shop in the New York street reads. The man who in this open hearted way caters to men who prefer dishonesty to fair dealing is as free with his tongue as his sign is candid and with the casual visitor or would be customer will chat cheerfully about the tricks that are vain.

"Yes," he says, "I can give you anything you wish in the line indicated by the sign in my window. What I haven't got in stock I can secure from an establishment in Union square. I keep on hand, however, all kinds of marked cards and loaded dice. I have cards that are so easily read by their backs that a child can tell what the other fellow holds. And, again, I have 'em fixed so cleverly and intricately that it will take a week's close study for a man to be able to read them by their backs. I have ordinary, everyday playing cards doctored up to the queen's taste, and I have special packs that are printed with the markings in them. And the low price at which I sell them places them easily within the reach of all."

"As for dice, I have sets that will throw any number desired. I can sell a man a dozen sets, which he can manipulate as he suits himself. One set comes low. The other comes high. The purchaser can allow his antagonists to use the low set, while he uses the other. Of course, he has to be very handy at palming or substituting to make the scheme work. It all rests with the man who buys. I guarantee my dice."

"Then, again, I have dice that are absolutely square and fair. They are transparent, and any one can tell at a glance that they are not loaded. I may say, however, that there is not much of a demand for such kind. Men who deal in my goods are usually looking for a shade the best of the bargain, and the loaded article is what they ask for. The transparent dice are made of celluloid and are absolutely the only dice that can be depended on nowadays."

"Crooked faro layouts or roulette wheels I do not keep in stock, but I can get them on short notice from a man who keeps a place in Union square. He is an expert and is doing a rushing business both here and in other cities. He has orders from Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and the southern cities and also sells to shrewd men in Europe. His goods are also guaranteed and are not at all difficult to manipulate when the secret is known."

"Illegal? Well, yes, I suppose so, when you come down to cases, but I never have been molested. Of course I do not use my own goods. I merely sell them and do not ask to what use they are to be put. Somebody will mark cards and load dice as long as gambling exists. I am merely catering to a want."—New York Herald.

A Wicked Parrot.

A parrot that had grown old and gray and wicked was the property of a man who was delighted by the bird's uncanny speeches and yet was often annoyed by their rudeness. One day the rector of the parish came to call on the owner, and the bird happened to be in the room. The pastor was a short, fat man, with a smooth face, a clerical coat and a white tie.

For a time the bird was quiet, but suddenly, after some personal experience, related by the clergyman, the wretched creature squawked, "Oh, what a lie!" Of course Polly was punished, and severely, too, and for a time seemed to mend her wicked ways. One day a friend of the family from out of town came to make a visit. As soon as he caught sight of Polly he at once tried to make friends with her. He was a short, fat man, with a smooth face, and Polly looked at him with her head cocked on one side in a decidedly wicked fashion. But she didn't say a word.

Finally he turned away, and then that naughty parrot shrieked after him: "You can't catch me, you old fool! Where's your white necktie?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Rise of Penang.

The town of Malacca was in 1507 partially demolished in order that Prince of Wales island, or Penang, then newly founded, might increase in importance. When the East India company arrived at that decision, it was arranged that Malacca should be abandoned and that the staff, stores and population should be removed to Penang. Orders were sent out in 1585 to demolish the fort, and the intention of the Penang authorities was to gradually transfer to the Prince of Wales island the trade and capital of Malacca together with the most valuable part of the population."

For a time, however, Penang did not realize the expectations formed of it and was accordingly reduced, for Malacca appeared to be doomed to excel Penang, but at the present moment Malacca can well be said to be in ruins—"the fallen city of the east," as it were, while Penang is one of the most important trade emporiums of the east.

The Undertaker's Joke.

Mr. X., a descendant of a distinguished member of President Lincoln's cabinet, is a butterfly of fashion, of whom sunshine and gaiety are characteristics rather than rain and gloom. One would never think of connecting him with anything tragic and solemn. Not long ago Mr. X. rode down town in a street car with the fashionable undertaker. When his fare was asked for he offered the conductor a bill, the only money to be found in his pocket, which was promptly refused.

"Allow me," said the undertaker, paying the fare. "I have enjoyed my ride with you immensely," said Mr. X. when he arose to go. "Many thanks for it." "You are very welcome," replied the undertaker, and then grimly, "It is not the last ride you will take with me."—New York Tribune.

Holding Out Hope.

Yes, the slender girl, with the pale, serious face, was confident she could not. "Oh, you sing and play the mouth organ at the same time?" asked the manager of the theater not unkindly. "No, sir," faltered the girl. "Then," said the manager, "go and learn to do these and come back here, and I may be able to give you a job washing windows."

For he could not find it in his heart to discourage the aspirations of one so earnest.—Detroit Journal.

His Downfall.

"When I first knew Thrangina, he was a township supervisor and a good citizen." "What changed him?" "I don't exactly know. All I know is that when the township was annexed to the city school board suggested that he would make a good alderman. I guess he took it to heart."—Chicago Tribune.

EASY TO FOOL.

Discard Sight and Smell, and Water Will Pass For Coffee.

It would now seem from experiments which have been carried on in the University of Iowa that men do not taste much of the things which we eat at our daily meals. It is asserted confidently that we merely smell them. If the nose is tightly closed in the ordinary meal and he is blindfolded, he will not be able to distinguish coffee from water or a weak solution of quinine. This has been proved by experiments made on many persons. Common coffee was said to be water; it was also said to be quinine. Water was said to be coffee. Tea was called coffee. Turkey was called pork. Raw apple was called grape juice. Malt extract was sherry wine. Butter was ground beef. In short, experienced persons were unable to distinguish many common foods and drinks when sensations of smell were removed, and the conclusion was reached that a person might even practice economy in eating by merely blindfolding the eyes and substituting hard, pork and beef for butter, turkey and venison, while if the further precaution was taken to close the nose, a very weak solution of quinine would pass for good coffee and vinegar for the most costly wine.

The experiments which led to these conclusions were carried on by Professor G. T. W. Patrick of the University of Iowa, who communicated some of the results of his work to the American Psychological society. Professor Patrick was enabled to attain great accuracy in his work by the fact that one of the persons he experimented upon was an anosmic—that is, absolutely devoid of the sense of smell. He was enabled thus to determine which sensations were those of taste and which were smell. He experimented also on normal subjects, and some of the results were surprising.

There are only four simple taste sensations—namely, sweet, bitter, sour and salt. It is said by some that there are only two, sweet and bitter. All other sensations which are commonly called tastes are complex results of sensation of smell, touch, temperature and sight. The means by which we distinguish almost all of our common foods and drinks is not the sense of taste so much as it is the senses of smell, touch and sight and temperature. All the fine differences by which we distinguish the various fruits, meats, fruits, drinks, etc., depend not upon taste at all, but upon these other senses. Pure sensations of taste add hardly more than a certain emotional element to the complex sensations.—Detroit Free Press.

A BALL OF FIRE.

The Queer Pranks It Played In A Telegraph Office.

"Electricity is like a mule in one respect," said a veteran operator. "You can never tell just when it's going to get up on its front legs and kick you into the middle of next week. I remember years ago, when I was night chief operator at the office in Richmond, a very strange thing happened. I was sitting at my table one night at about 11 o'clock waiting for it to stop raining so I could go home. There was a big storm up the line, and, while we didn't feel it to any great extent in the city, the lightning had been playing the mischief with the wires in the office and several of the connections had burned out."

"All of a sudden I heard a strange snapping sound at my instrument, and next thing I knew a dash of bluish white fire lit up the whole room. Then a globe of flame about the size of an orange seemed to spring from the armature and began to roll slowly over the top of the table. As nearly as I can describe the thing, it was like a globule of molten metal, glowing through and through with incandescent fire and shimmering with every color of the rainbow. It was beautiful to look at, and I watched it like a snake. Moreover, it seemed as fragile as a bubble—as if a touch would shiver it to atoms—and without thinking I reached for it with a wooden ruler."

"Luckily my assistant had more sense, and he yelled at me so frantically that I stopped before I touched it. Just then the fiery ball reached the edge and rolled off. As it struck the floor it shattered like a drop of quicksilver and suddenly disappeared. When I recovered my senses and looked at the table, I was shocked. The instrument was a wreck and the track of the electric application was charred into the wood half an inch deep. If I had prodded it, I wouldn't be telling the story for the ruler had a metal edge, and I would certainly have been electrocuted then and there."

"I have heard of such fire balls from a few old operators, but that's the only one I ever saw, and I'm not yearning to see another. Nobody has ever been able to explain them. Of course the time I speak of was before the introduction of improved current arresters, and nowadays such visitors are pretty effectively barred out."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Fool Lobster.

"I think the biggest fool in water is a lobster," said an old Virginia oyster shucker. "I suppose you know how we catch lobsters in the sound? Take a box, bore holes in the side of it and sink it. Put out your buoy so you'll know where to find the box. Leave the box sunk all night and go out next morning and haul it up, and you've got a box full of lobsters. And the funny thing about it is that they go in the holes backwards. Even people will not put their heads into holes when they are looking, but it takes a lobster to back into a hole, and they keep on doing it. Fish are smart. You'd have to play with them to get them to bite. But lobsters, they back right into your arms. Biggest fools that live."

The Well Bothered Him.

A Hartford lawyer tells of a client in one of the adjoining towns who had a farm to sell. He had recently sunk a well on it, and the job cost quite a sum. Consequently, when he talked of disposing of his property, the well caused him considerable anxiety.

"How much do you ask for the farm?" the lawyer asked. "Well, I'll tell you," drawled the farmer; "I'll sell the darn place for \$700 with the well, and I'll let it go for \$600 without the well."

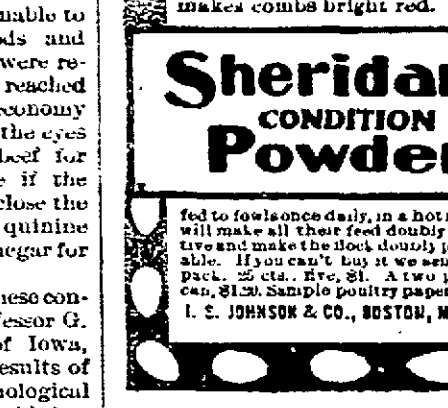
Keeping In Condition.

"John, John; wake up! I hear burglars down stairs!" "Lemme lone, Laura; you know I'm hooked for that football match. I can't go down and get all bungled up by these fellows."—Chicago Record.

Robert Barr once offered to lay Julian Ralph a wager that if he would step off a train anywhere in England and, at any three houses he chose to stop, would ask the question, "Have you any relative in America?" two replies out of three would be "Yes."

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FRIDAY, FEB. 16, 1900.

### CITY BRIEFS.

Trot out your candidates!  
Who will run for the mayoralty?  
Get your names on the check list early.  
The crochets are beginning to bloom.  
Plenty of social goings on Thursday evening.

It was a rip roaring old frolic while it lasted.

Company B ball tonight, in Philbrick hall.

And now the tales of lost bridges are coming in.

The thin ice is at last getting in its cruel work.

One year ago today, President Faure of France died.

A few bicycles were seen on the streets Thursday.

The board of registrars hold another meeting today, Friday.

The Ulster Akerstrom company went to Bath, Me., from here.

The ice in Great bay is said to be on the verge of breaking up.

It set everybody talking about the great frolic of March, '96.

The night patrolmen are finding very few offenders on the streets.

The advance sale for Field's minstrels has been very large so far.

There are still quite a number of good seats left for Field's minstrels.

There is not a ripple of excitement along the water front these days.

Every day now more wood is thrown on the fire under the political stew pan.

Conner, photographer studio, (formerly Nickerson's,) No. 1 Congress street.

The tag end of the winter seems to be a regular succession of freshets and freezes.

The Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, will attend the military ball tonight.

The horsemen are disappointed at the loss of the sleighing and are hoping for more snow.

The navy yard employees are pleased over the prospective increase of work at this station.

The "S. G." London is made of the choicest stock and is the best ten cent cigar in the market.

There were seven lodgers at the police station Thursday night, the largest number in a long time.

Portsmouth Masons will attend the dedication of the new Masonic hall in Wolfeboro on March 21.

The women of the Universalist parish met with Mrs. Leighton, wife of the pastor, Thursday afternoon.

In some places it is noted that the municipal offices are seeking the men but the reverse is generally the rule.

Lubber heels become very popular and John G. Mott is fitting out the local public with an excellent article.

The little Perce boy who was drowned in the North pond was one of the most enterprising of Portsmouth's small army of newsboys, once.

Quite a number of Portsmouth people went over to Kittery, Thursday evening, and heard W. W. Lucas recite negro dialect poems.

A special trolley car was run to Kye Thursday evening, to accommodate those who went down from this city to the entertainment in the town hall.

Out of deference to the firemen, who are to have their ball next Wednesday night, the Foresters have decided to omit all dancing at their fair on that date.

\$50, invested on Stock Exchange will yield \$500. No charge until profits have reached that amount. Highest reference. Ainslie & Co., 34 Broadway New York.

Your last chance to get a dozen photos at the Novelty Photo Gallery for 25 cents. Tuesday next will positively be our last day. All work finished before we leave town.

The ice dealers are again making preparations for a gathering of their harvest, in the hope of a prolonged spell of cold weather. Appearances now point to another disappointment for them.

The true spring hat will be out in a few days. The hat manufacturers who belong to the union have made an agreement not to put a spring hat into the market before the fifteenth of February.

The Globe Grocery Co. have divided their entire stock of Ladies' Tailor Made suits into two lots. The first lot that retailed at from \$9.50 to \$15.00 for \$8.00 each. The second lot that retailed at from \$15.00 to \$30.00 are cut to \$12.00 each. The \$12.00 suits are tailors' suit, lined throughout, and on total price was far below Boston prices. This weather has been very unsatisfactory this season and for this reason we offer these wonderful bargains to put them into cash without delay.

## PYTHIAN SISTERHOOD HAVE A SALE AND DANCE.

The Pythian Sisterhood held a sale and dance at Philbrick hall, on Thursday evening, which was largely attended.

The opera which was to be given to the Pythians received the most votes, was won by Miss Mamie Lane, who turned in \$27.30. Miss Bertha Cane turned in \$15.25, and was also given a cape.

The Knights of Pythias watch chain was given to Mr. J. Wall Rogers, who had \$21.12.

In the doll contest Irma Young had \$17.55 and Bertha Hott had \$2.70. Each of them received a doll.

The pillow was drawn by Mrs. Hayes Cotton.

The Sisterhood pin went to Mrs. L. Ciesley, who had \$9.60.

The following members of the order were in charge of the tables:

Dundee table, Mrs. William Green, Mrs. John Dudley, Mrs. Ransom Smith, Miss Martha Hersey;

Flower table, Mrs. Orville Hawes, Mrs. Annie Johnson, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. Sarah Foote, Mrs. Valentine Hett;

Fancy work, Mrs. Frank Kase, Mrs. Edith Green, Mrs. Daisy Blaisdell, Mrs. O. D. Varrell;

Candy table, Mrs. James Rigby, Mrs. Edward Prime, Mrs. August Hett, Mrs. Joseph Marden;

Ice cream, Mrs. Willis Brooks, Mrs. Lizzie Lomas, Mrs. Lydia Newman.

The music for dancing was furnished by Conservatory orchestra.

Those in charge of the floor were:

Floor Directress, Miss Bertha E. Caine;

Aids, J. W. Rogers, Wallace Marston, Charles Woodman, Edward Stevenson, George Lane, Everett Hanson.

## OBSERVED THEIR FIFTH AN- NIVERSARY.

Constitution Circle, Companions of the Forest, held their fifth anniversary in Reelbath hall on Thursday evening. The event was fittingly observed with an entertainment and dance. The program was finely rendered and was as follows:

Song, "Come to me, Sweetheart Mine,"

Mr. George Kane, Dr. W. H. Lyons

Song, "Rock,"

Song, "How Art my Dream,"

Miss Mamie Engen, Mr. P. Kane

Song, "Selected,"

Song, "Farewell, but not Goodbye,"

Miss Mildred Barretto.

After the entertainment, dancing was indulged in until a late hour. During intermission, ice cream and cake were served by Reich.

The committee in charge of the affair composed. Mrs. T. Cogan, Mrs. Fred Perkins, Mrs. T. Hogan, Mrs. T. Mahoney, Miss Jennie Clair, Miss Jennie Biekey, Miss Katherine McCarthy, Miss Lizzie Quinn, Miss Ida Leary, and Miss Louise Smith.

## OBSEQUIES.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Vaughan were held at her late home on Alarcy street at half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. George E. Leighton, pastor of the Church of Christ conducted the impressive services. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends and the members of the church. The interment was in the South cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Oliver W. Ham.

During the day the flag on the Liberty Bridge pole has been at half mast in honor of her memory, she having been one of the contributors toward the erection of the staff and the purchase of the national emblem.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary J. Walling was held at the family residence on Pottowill street today, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. William H. Hall of Kittery Point, pastor of the Free Baptist church of that town. Among those present was a delegation from Storer Relief corps, of which the deceased was a member. The remains were taken to Kittery Point, Mrs. Walling's native place, for interment in the family lot there in the Baptist cemetery.

## AFTER NEW STEAMER.

Parties from Portsmouth are looking after a steamer to put on the route between this city and Eliot and Greenland.

They want a steamer to carry about one hundred passengers, and if the parties can find one suitable it will be put on the route at once.

## VOTERS SHOULD NOTICE.

All voters who contemplate removing before election should notify the city clerk before they do so, otherwise they will lose all privileges of voting. Such is the law passed by the last legislature.

## MORE WAITING ROOMS.

Foreman Probie of the Boston & Maine bridge gang is building two more waiting rooms for the Portsmouth street railway, to be located at Trefolton's and Lang's Corners.

Curry crop, sore throat, pulmonary troubles—Monarch over pain of every sort. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil.

## CITY BRIEFS.

It is probable that strawberries will soon appear more plentiful in the local market.

This winter has not been a good one for fruit and the dealers have suffered considerable loss.

Special sale of men's canvas jackets, rubber lined, at 98 cents, at Globe Grocery company.

The fellows in town who follow glove contests are busy gossiping about Fitzsimmons' latest challenge.

Portsmouth journalism will probably be represented at the Coon club outing in Boston this Friday evening.

The large ocean tug Sweepstakes with two barges in tow, put in here on Thursday, en route for Portland.

The members of Storer Relief corps will attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary J. Walling today, Friday, in a body.

There is every indication that the republican party will present a solid front at the coming municipal election.

Local Pythians are interested in the anniversary celebration of Constitution lodge of Kittery, this Friday evening.

The dates of the caucuses have yet to be appointed. They are usually held the last week in February or the first in March.

The Farmers' almanac has been a better weather guide than the government bureau thus far this year.

A valentine party was given Wednesday evening by Mrs. Frank L. Benedict to a few of her intimate friends at her home on Middle street.

The general good health of the city this winter has been really remarkable considering the sort of weather with which we have been favored.

Business conditions in Portsmouth are slowly improving, and local merchants believe that the general wave of prosperity will soon strike this city.

Special sale of 300 dozen carnation pinks at the Globe Grocery company on Saturday morning at 11.30 o'clock, at 18 cents a dozen. None sold to florists to sell again.

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Freeman, treasurer of the Chase home for children, acknowledges contributions of \$35.10 from the North Congregational church and \$7.66 from the Universalist parish.

The local crusade against cigarettes seems to have been allowed to die a natural death. While it is a good movement if not carried too far, it never had very flattering prospects of success.

The special sale at the meat department of the Globe Grocery company on Saturday will be 2000 pounds of smoked shoulders, sugar cured at 8 1/2 cents and 400 lbs. sweet pickled fores of lamb at

A number of Portsmouth people are already beginning to make preparations for a visit to Paris the coming summer. The resident teacher of French is enjoying a good sized patronage on this account.

A snow storm now threatens, and the majority of Portsmouth people would welcome it. The ice man and the skating enthusiast however, would prefer to see a number of days of clear cold weather instead.

The stable men complain that the present winter has been the dullest for their business known for years. Sleights have been almost useless, and as a matter of course other vehicles have not been in much demand.

Already owners of cottages at the beaches are visiting them to see if they will require much repairing before the opening of the season, and this is a forcible reminder that the summer solstice is not so far away, after all.

Those people who spend much of their time in figuring out the probable weather of the future are wondering if the remarkably warm autumn and winter of 1900-1901 will be succeeded by a cold and disagreeable spring and summer.

The conductors and motormen of the Portsmouth street railway met last evening and organized a relief association and chose the following officers: Capt. Frank Coleman, pres; A. T. Hackett, collector and treasurer; Luther Cotton, Thomas Burke, Fred S. Webber, relief committee.

The Ladies' Benevolent society, connected with the Court street Christian church, will give a turkey supper, Thursday evening, March 1, in the vestry. All who attended their big success last year will want to go this year as the popularity of their suppers are too well known to need comment.

## BRING OUT THE TWINS.

A prize of \$50 has been offered by the Foresters for the handsomest twins in the city, the contest to be decided by votes at the coming benefit. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hennessey and of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hickey have entered the contest.

Everybody's liable to itching piles rich and poor, old and young—terrible the torture they suffer. Only one sure cure. Doan's Ointment. Absolutely safe; can't fail.

## ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

Series of Meetings to be Held Here. With Appropriate Subjects.

The New Hampshire Anti Saloon league, an inter-denominational and non-partisan organization, will present its claims for support and explain its proposed method of work, for the first time to the people of Portsmouth during the week commencing Tuesday, Feb. 20, when its superintendent, Mr. M. J. Fanning, will speak nightly, excepting Saturday, as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 20, Advent church, subject, "The Saloon vs. the Boy."

Wednesday, Feb. 21, Free Baptist church, subject, "The Saloon vs. the Wage Earner."

Thursday, Feb. 22, Christian church, subject, "The Saloon vs. the Merchant."

Friday, Feb. 23, Methodist church, subject, "The Life of Christ." An illustrated song service and Bible reading. About 120 beautiful pictures will be shown illuminated by a powerful lime light stereopticon.

There will be no admission fee to any of these meetings, and no collection, excepting Friday night.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, Rev. J. H. Robbins of Concord, president of the state league, and Prof. J. M. Barker of the Boston University will be in the city to assist Mr. Fanning. These three gentlemen will occupy three prominent pulpits in the morning, and two of them will address a union mass meeting at night in which nearly all of the protestant churches in the city will unite.

## LOCAL SPORTING NEWS.

By its victory over the Wappanagoes Thursday afternoon, the Delapoon basket ball team materially strengthened its claim to the championship of Portsmouth and vicinity.

The Piscataqua Athletic club has been considering the advisability of conducting a minstrel show as was done by the Portsmouth Cycle club during the two years of its existence. Undoubtedly the Piscataqua boys would score a success, but as the season is well advanced the matter may be dropped for this year and pushed energetically next winter.

Portsmouth wheelmen read with interest the report of the first day's proceedings at the National Assembly of the League of American Whslemen. That the league would abandon the control of racing was a foregone conclusion, but the abolition of the amateur clause of membership came as a mild surprise. Next year when the bicycle track at the south end is reopened, the familiar clause, "run under L. A. W. sanction and L. A. W. rules," will be missing from the score card, and the initials of the N. O. A. will replace those of the older organization. The league law makers showed their appreciation of the merits of Robert T. Kingsbury of Keene by electing him first vice-president.

There are now five basket ball teams in Portsmouth and one in Greenland, and the interest in this rattling indoor game is steadily increasing. A league of teams would undoubtedly score a financial success, and the managers would do well to get together and talk it up.

It is now only just past the middle of February but the time is rapidly passing and warm weather will be here before we realize it. If the base ball cranks intend to do anything more than talk, it is high time they were considering ways and means for giving Portsmouth a good team this year. We have many fine players in the city, and there is no reason why we should not have an amateur team at least equal to any in the state. Talk is good but action is better. Who will be the first to call a meeting of the players?

The Maplewood athletic club has had hard luck this winter. Its hockey, basket ball and bowling teams have many defeats and few victories to their credit, but we trust the young men who compose the club will not allow themselves to be discouraged on this account. Someone has said that keeping everlastingly at it insures success, and the Maplewoods will win if they keep up courage.

The Delapoon club now stands at the head of the local athletic organizations in both basket ball and hockey, and believes that it will be able to duplicate the success of these two teams with its base ball and tennis teams.

It is said that the young men in Kittery are catching the basket ball fever, and it is rather more than probable that our neighbors will have a first class team in the near future. The local teams will be glad of an opportunity to test the metal of the Kittery boys, and a game between the new team and the Delapoons is likely to be played in a short time.

## WILL PROBABLY CHANGE HANDS.

It is reported that the steamer Queen City is to change hands and that she will increase her number of trips to Eliot.

## PERSONALS.

John Holland is attending the horse sales in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. San Juan Gray have returned from a visit with their daughter in Lawrence, Mass.

C. William Taylor will go to Concord Monday, to take the position of head clerk with the Arthur H. Knowlton Drug company.

Rev. Jackson P. Marvin, formerly pastor of the Court street Christian church, has closed his labors with the Congregational church of Derby, Vt., and has removed to East Hardwick.

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